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Title: MOTOR VEHICLE WIPER GEAR MOTOR
WITH BASE AND CORE

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The Office Action dated September 12, 2002, has been received and carefully reviewed. Please amend the above-identified patent application as indicated below.

In the claims:

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12. (Amended) A motor vehicle wiper gear motor comprising:
a core motor attached to a reduction gear base, the core and base having metal mating flanges with outer peripheries protruding away from the core and the base, respectively; and
a joint interposed between the core and the base, the joint including a sealing material and at least one metal element in contact with metal parts of the core and the base, the at least one metal element operable to conduct electrical current between the core and the base.
13. (Amended) The gear motor according to claim 12 further comprising: